

Members Of The Old Guard.



SETS A NEW MARK.

Attendance At Round-up At St. Louis Surpasses All Previous Records.

NEXT INSTITUTE AT ALMA.

Big Meeting Full of Interest From Start to Finish—St. Louis Does Well.

The Gratiot County Farmers' annual round-up was held at St. Louis Monday and Tuesday of this week. In point of attendance, for real enthusiasm and for actual interest, it was the best institute ever held in this county. The meetings were held in the new St. Louis opera house and the hall was packed full each day and evening. The institute speakers included the best state can furnish and interest never lagged for a moment. Much credit for the success of the affair can be laid at the door of President Geo. Coleman and Secretary Geo. M. Adams. The latter, though a new man in Gratiot county, showed himself to be a willing worker and won many new friends by the active interest he displayed.

Several things came up during the two days to enlighten things. The first came after the report of the special committee on officers, comprising Walter C. Mallory, chairman; Chas. Lee, and Dr. Kennedy. The committee recommended the re-election of Messrs. Coleman and Adams as president and secretary. Immediately Mr. C. Cowdry, from Ithaca was on his feet, moving the substitution of M. C. Lake, for secretary, in place of Mr. Adams. The discussion that followed was quite warm for a few minutes but in the end Mr. Cowdry was asked to withdraw his motion which he did. Messrs. Coleman and Adams were then elected by acclamation.

Up to this year, it has been customary to hold the institute at Alma and St. Louis only once in five years, Ithaca getting the institute the other intervening years. Dr. Kennedy of St. Louis led in a protest against such an arrangement. He declared that the present turnout indicated what St. Louis could do and he was equally sure Alma could do her part. And further more, such an arrangement seemed unfair to him and he wanted to know why it was so. President Coleman explained that it was because Ithaca was in the center of the county and that Alma had never supported the institute very well. This brought Walter C. Mallory of Seville, to his feet and he did tell them some things, finally ending by moving that the institute be held at St. Louis, Alma and Ithaca in rotation. When put to a vote, the motion carried without a dissenting voice. So Alma gets the institute for 1910.

In attendance nothing has ever been attained at a Gratiot county institute like that of this one. At Ithaca last year the total attendance for the two days reached a little above 1900. On Monday the total attendance went to 1,400 and on Tuesday, the second day, it reached close to the 2,000 mark.

It would be unfair to especially distinguish between any of the many good speakers. Heard during the two days. But Jason Woodman of Paw Paw, won a warm place in the hearts of all and his address on Monday evening entitled, "A Man Among Men," was particularly pleasing. Mr. Woodman is a good speaker and kept his audience interested at all times by his ready wit and pleasantness. In his talk he showed how by having the proper opportunities, a farmer's boy can become a man among men.

Dr. L. M. Hart, of the Agricultural college, and Prof. H. A. Hurston, of Chicago, who have been heard here before, were present and spoke. B. A. Cook of Owosso, delivered a short, instructive talk Tuesday afternoon on "Making Sugar Beets Pay."

St. Louis people were most interested in the address given Thursday evening by F. H. Hubbard, manager

of the St. Louis Sugar company, his subject being "Sugar Beets." Mr. Hubbard spoke very briefly but left all with some food for thought. He showed by very conservative figures that sugar beets were paying the farmers better interest on the money invested than the sugar manufacturers were making on their money. In fact he declared that there are only six sugar companies of our 23 in Michigan that are actually on a dividend paying basis. Among these are the St. Louis and Alma companies. But said Mr. Hubbard, "they propose to reduce the tariff on sugar." Do you think if they do the cut can come out of the sugar companies who are not paying a dividend? Is it not more likely to come out of the farmer? And, if it does, are you ready to stand for it? The audience showed how it felt on the matter by instructing the secretary to forward a protest to Congressmen Darragh and Dodge against any such a proposed reduction of tariff.

State Highway Commissioner H. S. Earle followed with a brief address on state road work. Mr. Earle spoke a good word for his successor and suggested that the people be more liberal to his successor.

After all has been said St. Louis should be given a great deal of credit for the manner in which her citizens and business men supported the institute. The latter subscribed liberally in cash and did many other things of much assistance, all of which shows they are alive to the important part the farmers play in the development of a live town.

FATHER AND DAUGHTER DEAD.

Mrs. E. Dippery Dies Saturday and Her Father, Harrison Dennis, Dies on Monday.

Ida D. Dippery, aged 43, wife of Edward Dippery, died at her home at 480 State street, early Saturday morning after a lingering illness of eight months. Her funeral was held Monday afternoon at the M. E. church. Rev. J. M. Wolfe officiated and interment was at Riverside cemetery. The pall bearers were selected from the Alma lodge of Modern Woodmen of which Mr. Dippery was a member, it being her request that this be done. They were, J. E. Fuller, W. Wilber, J. G. Clegg, Chas. Clark, A. E. Boardman and J. M. Secord.

Ida D. Dennis was born at Findlay, Ohio, June 10, 1861. She was the daughter of Harrison Dennis and wife. On June 11, 1898, she was married to Edward Dippery of Sandusky, Ohio, where she resided until 1901. In that year she and her husband moved to Alma where they have resided since.

Mrs. Dippery is survived by her husband, her two sisters, Mrs. R. D. Maybury of Findlay, Ohio, and Mrs. Samuel McBride of this city, and four brothers, Noah of Lisle, Ohio, Adam of Findlay, Ohio, Firman of this city, and Samuel of Elwell.

Mrs. Dippery was a regular attendant at the M. E. church in this city and was highly respected by all who knew her. She was through her long illness a patient sufferer, always thoughtful for those about her. Her husband and relatives have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

Harrison Dennis, father of Mrs. Dippery, who lived in Arcadia township, four miles south of Alma died at his home Monday morning from cancer after an illness of five years. The funeral was held Wednesday at 10:30 at the M. E. church with interment at Riverside cemetery. Rev. J. M. Wolfe officiated.

Harrison Dennis was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, March 1, 1833. He came to Michigan in 1901, settling on the farm that has since been his home. He leaves a wife and the six children above named by his first wife. He is also survived by two brothers and one sister. Throughout his long illness he was a patient sufferer though often in great pain.

Church Notes.

CATHOLIC CHURCH
St. Louis.
Mass at 8:00 a. m. standard time, Sunday, Jan. 24.

Alma
High mass and sermon at 10:30 a. m., on Sunday, Jan. 24. Catechism at 3:00 p. m. Benediction at 3:30 p. m.

HOLLENBECK HOUSE BURNS.

Broken Wire Cause of Fire Signal Failing to Work Correctly.

Monday afternoon Lucas Hollenbeck's house on Wright avenue caught fire and was partially burned to the ground. The loss will be about \$1000, including the household goods on the second floor. The neighbors carried out most of the things on the ground floor. There has been much talk over the fact that the fire team went to district 24 first instead of 44. Many, who are apt to be unusually free in criticism, attempting to lay the blame on someone, either at the Union Telephone office or the fire department.

A representative of the Record has taken pains to trace the matter down and finds it no fault of any individual. The alarm was turned in correct as 44 the operator at the Union office turned the lever to 44. She did so under direction of the chief operator. The dial at the city hall showed 24 and the department responded to the call. Tests were made afterward by Manager Pryne of the Union company and Driver Peck of the fire department and revealed the fact that something was off. When 44 was turned in the dial showed other numbers. Investigation revealed a broken wire on the controller. When remedied the alarm worked correct every time.

Now it is up to the knockers to quit knocking. This is the first and only time the alarm ever worked wrong, and there was a cause for it.

FOR A MANSE.

Presbyterians May Soon Own a Desirable Residence Property.

Rev. Harry L. Crain, who has accepted the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church of the city, was given a cordial and enthusiastic welcome Sunday. The services, both morning and evening, were attended by large audiences and Mr. Crain gave two practical and inspiring sermons. He is a pleasant speaker, earnest and forceful, and all were pleased with his discourses.

Mr. Crain spent Monday in the village in search of a residence in which to live, but vacant desirable houses being so scarce here he was not able to find one. A number of the gentlemen of the church were invited to meet Mr. Crain, Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Francis King, and the evening was pleasantly spent in an informal way. During the evening the question of securing a residence for the new pastor and his family was discussed and the situation was carefully canvassed. After looking the ground over carefully it was the sense of all present that the society ought to make an effort to secure a manse, either by purchase of a suitable property or by the erection of a new one. The suggestion met with hearty approval and the trustees will be asked to present the matter to the church society at an early date.

A manse is now considered a part of the equipment of a live, aggressive church and the pastor's home regarded as the gathering place for many of the functions of the church. The proposition to acquire a suitable property has met with almost spontaneous endorsement and without doubt the matter will be brought to a successful conclusion before many months have passed.

Mr. Crain returned to Detroit Tuesday forenoon.

Mrs. W. Kelley entertained a party of twelve young people at her home Saturday evening. The affair was a farewell reception to Ray Ball, who has returned to Michigan City. The evening was spent playing cards and was a most pleasant one. Lunch was served.

ARE GRINDING AWAY.

Michigan Solons Are Wrestling With Many New Laws.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION

Makes It Necessary to Enact Many New Measures—Legislative Notes.

The members of the Michigan legislature are beginning to realize that the present session is not going to be any play stuff. The new constitution makes the enactment of many new laws necessary and these, with the usual number, will keep the lawmakers busy until June 1st. A short recess will soon be taken to permit the committees of the house and senate to visit the various state institutions. These junkets create a great deal of unfavorable comment every session and it would seem they might be conducted in such a manner as to remove the objectionable features. But they afford the legislators a royal outing and they enjoy the fun.

Twenty-nine farmer members of the house met and organized a "Farmers' club," electing Charles Folks, of Jackson, president; H. L. Agens, of Ludington and H. F. Baker, vice president and F. L. Woodworth, of Haron county, secretary. The club announced it would be conservative and had as yet no plans for activity.

Senator Fairbanks of Oscoda county is the first to introduce a bill which aims to place the telephone and telegraph companies under the ad-valorem tax system. This was a pet administration measure which met defeat at the last session and is of vital interest to telephone and telegraph companies throughout the state. The present bill, which contains many of the provisions of the bill presented at the last session, has been drafted by Attorney General Bird and a strong effort will be made to push it through.

In a bill referring to joint depositors in banks and trust companies, Senator Aitken of the Thumb district expects to smooth out one of the difficulties that have confronted bankers for many years. The Aitken bill, if it becomes a law, will give the surviving joint depositor authority to withdraw from a banking institution. Heretofore when one of joint depositors dies it was necessary to go into the probate court with the deposit. Many bankers require joint depositors to provide a will covering this matter to avoid trouble. This law is recommended by the bankers' associations of many states and is of state wide importance.

CIRCUIT COURT JURORS.

List Drawn for January Term, Which Begins January 25.

The following list of jurors has been drawn for the term of court which begins January 25. Jurors are summoned to be present January 26, at 9:00 o'clock.

T. F. Timby—Alma 4th ward.
Frank Pierce—Lafayette.
Thomas Hawks—Newark.
Tom Harris—New Haven.
A. C. McNaughton—North Shade.
H. H. Snider—North Star.
A. W. Coburn—Pine River.
J. R. Swatt—Seville.
Harry Shaffer—Sumner.
W. A. Stoneman—Washington.
E. J. Longear—Wheeler.
Willard Church—St. Louis 1st ward.
H. E. Histed—St. Louis 2nd ward.
William Hurl—St. Louis 3rd ward.
David Harrison—St. Louis 4th ward.
Bert Waggoner—Arcada.
Ed Roe—Bethany.
John Buffington—Eiba.
Fred Maurer—Emerson.
Charles Winn—Fulton.
Charles Derry—Hamilton.
Isaac Pepple—Ithaca.
George Willard—Alma 1st ward.
Jno S. Caple—Alma 2nd ward.
Jerome DeLong—Alma 3rd ward.
G. H. Carl—Alma 4th ward.
J. O. Pettit—Lafayette.
A. J. Dickon—Newark.
Alfred Wiles—New Haven.
G. D. Lock—North Shade.

A SWEET SHIPMENT.

Twenty-four Cars of Sugar Shipped by Special Train to Cincinnati.

On January 12, the Alma plant of the Michigan Sugar company shipped 24 cars of sugar to Cincinnati by special train. The big load of sweet stuff left here at 7:00 p. m. Tuesday night, arriving in Cincinnati at 2:45 p. m. Thursday. The size of this load may be more readily comprehended when it is explained that each car contained 100 barrels each, weighing on the average, 340 pounds. This would make the total shipment weigh 816,000 pounds. The valuation of such a load is about \$11,000. Fifteen of these cars were loaded in nine hours on the day of shipment, showing clearly that Superintendent Allen's "boys" did some pretty lively work.

Mrs. S. Messenger entertained the Woman's club Monday afternoon at her home. About fifteen were present. Refreshments were served.



Ready for a run.

K. OF P. ENTERTAINMENT.

To be Given at Opera House Monday Evening. Frederick Hoffman Director.

A four act comedy drama will be produced under the auspices of Fitz James Lodge, No. 95, Knights of Pythias, at the opera house, Monday, January 25. Mr. Frederick Hoffman, who has been engaged to direct the play comes highly recommended. Rehearsals are progressing finely with the following excellent cast:

Reginald Lewis, foreman and inventor, Cripple Creek, Colo.—Mr. Harry Marsh.

Wallace Merrick, villain—Mr. Fredrick Hoffman.

Jethro Putnam, a jovial old farmer—Mr. Clint Wood.

Major Rounds, politician, tramp—Mr. John Dunham.

John Ray, a Wall street, N. Y., banker—DeWitt Vought.

Jerry, an Irish servant, Mr. Charles Smith.

Mike Moriarty, an Irish laborer, Mr. Caris Brown.

Joe Haskell, low villain and detective, Mr. George Button.

Lucille Ray, up-to-date western girl, Miss Mabel Strong.

Mrs. Steck, Ray's housekeeper, Mrs. J. B. Kernan.

Clara Montague, the wronged woman, Miss Marguerite Frederick.

Samantha Putnam, Jethro's wife, Mrs. J. B. Kernan.

Cissy, a typewriter girl, Miss Beulah Weaver.

Between acts Frederick Hoffman will deliver "The Uncle," a tragic impersonation made famous by Sir Henry Irving. Mr. Hoffman possesses a powerful voice and his notices are very flattering. Davis Bros' orchestra will furnish music.

At the annual meeting of the Central State Savings Bank, held at Shepherd January 19, Jotham Allen of this city, was elected as one of the directors.

IMPORTANT MISSION.

State Master Hill of Pennsylvania Delegate to Rome, Italy.

Hon. W. F. Hill of Huntingdon, Pa., master of Pennsylvania state grange, was appointed a delegate, with others, by President Roosevelt to represent the agricultural interests of this country at the international institute of agriculture held at Rome, Italy, in November.

The original idea of an international institute of agriculture was that of King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, whose desire was to bring the products of the world into closer touch and establish for agriculture a broader place among the international industries. The Italian king requested that each nation send to Rome a delegate, and forty-two of the civilized nations complied with his request. America's representative in this first congress were United States Ambassador to Italy Henry V. White, Dr. Albert F. Woods, chief of the division of plant industry in the department of agriculture at Washington, and Mr. Hill, whose broad work as an active leader in grange work had brought him into national prominence.

The Italian government has gone to great expense in the building and equipment of the palace which will be the permanent home of the institute. King Victor Emmanuel gives the work his personal attention.

FOR FAIR REPRESENTATION.

This is the Resolution That Didn't Pass at Washington.

The following resolution was presented by the executive committee of the Michigan state grange for consideration by the national grange, but it met with defeat notwithstanding the subordinate granges throughout the country have almost unanimously favored it, so far as heard from:

Whereas, It is one of the cardinal principles of American government that assembled bodies with legislative functions shall be constituted of a proportionate representation of the people; and

Whereas, Our national grange is presently a legislative body and by right and in justice ought to be a representative body in which membership should be represented as well as states; and

Whereas, The states having 50,000 to 60,000 members have no more voice or vote in the national grange than states having less than 1,000 members—hence the national grange is not fairly representative; therefore,

Resolved by the Michigan state grange, in annual session assembled, That we favor amending the constitution of the national grange by increasing the number of delegates in the national body in proportion to membership in the various states; by adding to the master and his wife from each state organized, as is now provided, an additional delegate and his wife for each 10,000 members over and above the first 10,000.

Dracut grange of Massachusetts made nearly \$500 in fair premiums last year.

The seventh degree was conferred on about 700 candidates at Washington.

WATCH THIS SPACE

It Belongs to Us the Coming Year.

The Caple Hardware Co.

THE A. A. EQUIPMENT.

Trains No. 3 North at 8:10 p. m. and No. 4 South at 7:25 a. m.

TO BE SOLID VESTIBULE.

Rolling Stock Ordered—New 80-Pound Rails to be Laid.

A representative of the Record in an interview this week with General Passenger Agent J. J. Kirby of the Ann Arbor railroad, was informed that early in the spring passenger train No. 3, going north from Alma at 8:10 p. m., and the one leaving for the south at 7:25 a. m. would be vestibuled trains. Contracts have been let for the new cars which are promised for early spring and include all modern and up-to-date conveniences. The parlor cars are to be seventy-four feet long, one end of which will contain kitchen and cafe. When the above rolling stock is received the Ann Arbor road will be operating four vestibuled trains a day through Alma, while the train which leaves Alma at 7:55 a. m. and the one going south at 10:07 will be made up of the best coaches now in service. As soon as the new equipment is received it is the intention of the railroad management to have the present rolling stock go through the shops for a thorough overhauling. In addition to the above improvements, the Ann Arbor will commence, as soon as weather conditions will permit, to replace the present rails from Farwell to Alma with 80-pound steel.

This will give the road a continuous stretch of heavy steel rails from Alma north to Frankfort. The Ann Arbor has other improvements under consideration which will appeal directly to the citizens of Alma, regarding which we hope to give our readers definite information in the near future.

A NEW CLOTHING FIRM.

George J. Maier & Co. Buy Out The Business of McCullough & Son.

George J. Maier of Lansing, has bought the clothing and shoe business of McCullough & Son and will take possession as soon as the inventory is completed. The new firm will be known as George J. Maier & Co.

Mr. Maier is not a stranger to Alma people. He came here last summer and for several months managed the dry goods end of the Lee Mercantile company. He is an experienced clothing and shoe man and will give Alma a good up-to-date establishment.

Sale Proceedings Halted.

At the meeting of the creditors of the American Mastic plant held at Bay City, Monday, a halt was called to the proposed proceedings to sell the plant and land on which it stands. The Michigan Sugar Company claim the land by alleged forfeiture of the lease. The court, after hearing the protest, ordered the proposed sale postponed, and ordered the sugar company and the trustee of Mastic plant to bring the case into chancery court to determine the rights of the sugar company.

HOLD JOINT INSTALLATION.

G. A. R. and W. R. C. Have an Enjoyable Social Time Saturday Night.

The G. A. R. and W. R. C. held a joint installation of officers Saturday evening. The following officers were conducted to their stations:

G. A. R. Commander, Joseph F. Sartor, sr.; S. V. Commander, Chester Walker; J. V. Commander, James Chapman; Dept. Q. M., Geo. Willard; Chaplain, R. R. Purvis; O. D., Ezra Robinson; O. G., Solomon Wilbur; P. I., J. W. Holmes.

W. R. C., President, Henrietta Hubbell; S. V. P., Marietta Hawley; J. V. P., Mary Mencher; treasurer, Martha Walker; secretary, Martha Fraker; chaplain, Mary Seare; con., Hattie Davis; guard, Amelia Wilbur; P. I., Emma Struble; P. C., Ada Greig; asst. C., Cornelia Day; asst. G., Mary Allen; color bearers, Mesdames Stevens, Robinson, Meyers and Rollin.

Following the installation Commodore Winchell made a pleasing talk. Music on the violin by the Misses Haviland comprised a part of the evening entertainment. The ladies served a bountiful supper, and altogether the affair was one of pleasure and enjoyment long to be remembered by all. A number of visitors were present.

DR. WALKER KEPT BUSY.

Noted Specialist Has Large Practice in Gratiot County.

Remember Dr. W. C. Walker, the well known and successful specialist of Detroit, will make his next visit to Alma at the Wright House on Wednesday, Jan. 27. The doctor's practice here is increasing with each visit. Dr. Walker has a large number of patients under his treatment in this county, having filled regular appointments for nearly thirteen years. People, therefore, who are afflicted with any chronic trouble and have been unable to find a cure should not fail to see Dr. Walker at the Wright House, Jan. 27.

APPOINTED ADMINISTRATOR.

John T. Swigart has been appointed administrator of the estate of the late N. J. McCullough. One of the first things he did was to take over the store as administrator and complete the deal to sell it to Maier & Co.

ASKS HEAVY DAMAGES.

W. J. Shaver, the Beckenridge attorney, has begun suit in the circuit court against Charles Zuhler a business man also of Breckinridge, for malicious prosecution and false imprisonment for the sum of \$5,000. It will be remembered that Zuhler had Shaver arrested about year ago on a charge of embezzlement and that Shaver was in jail for a week while awaiting examination—Ithaca Journal.

Trustee J. W. Robinson last week paid by check to the creditors of the defunct Lee Mercantile Company a dividend of 40 per cent. The total liabilities of the firm were about \$46,000. Mr. Robinson expects to pay about 5 per cent more in the final payment which will make the creditors total loss above \$35,000.